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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-130]

Certain Walk-Behind Lawn Mowers and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty

Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 15, 2020, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a countervailing duty (CVD) investigation on certain walk-behind lawn mowers and parts thereof from the People's Republic of China.¹ Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than August 19, 2020.

Postponement of the Preliminary Determination

¹ See *Certain Walk-Behind Lawn Mowers and Parts Thereof from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 85 FR 37426 (June 22, 2020).

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a CVD investigation within 65 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On July 22, 2020, MTD Products, Inc. (the petitioner) submitted a timely request that we fully postpone the preliminary CVD determination because: (1) Commerce has not yet issued supplemental questionnaires to respondents, and (2) additional time will be necessary to ensure that Commerce is able to sufficiently review all questionnaire responses and new factual information, and to conduct a thorough investigation.²

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner has stated the reasons for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination, and Commerce finds no compelling reason to deny the request. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, we are extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the date on which this investigation was initiated, *i.e.*, October 23, 2020. Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of

² See Petitioner's Letter, "Antidumping Investigations on Certain Walk-Behind Lawn Mowers from the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Countervailing Duties from the People's Republic of China: Petitioner's Request to Postpone the Preliminary Determination," dated July 22, 2020.

the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 24, 2020.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

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